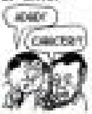
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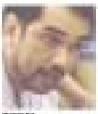
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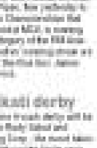
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'HELLO GARCI' TAPE

What's next?

BY NOW, hundreds of thousands of Filipinos, if not millions, have heard snippets of the "Hello Garci" tape through ring tones, audio files on the World Wide Web, compact discs distributed for free, and radio or TV broadcasts.

Many have also read the transcript of the tape posted on the Internet or run by print media. The people on the tape have also been the subject of text jokes and street songs.

The tape shows President Macapagal-Arroyo directing Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano to rig the presidential election in 2004 so she could win by at least 1 million votes, according to the opposition.

Ms Arroyo dismissed the exposé as part of destabilization efforts against her administration.

Because of her silence on the tape, various sectors have called for the authentication of the purported conversations between Ms Arroyo and Garcillano by independent foreign groups. Others want to put up a truth commission. Still others are pressing her to resign. To end the impasse, Cecilia Muñoz Palma, a retired Supreme Court justice, says the rule of law, through the impeachment process, must be followed. But the question is, Are the people patient enough to wait for the results of the impeachment process if charges are filed against Ms Arroyo?



Reclaim our nation

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By Cecilia Muñoz Palma

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TAGBANUA and Batak natives join Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn in planting seedlings in the Irawan watershed during the celebration of the 15th Pista Y ang Cagueban (Feast of the Forest).

Thousands join Puerto's 'Feast of the Forest'

Capiz officials pass resolution backing GMA

INQUIRER Mindanao

Co-op sparks hope for new landowners

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Midsalip, Zamboanga del Sur

THE HOUSE of couple Tony and Norma Bendecion in Midsalip town in Zamboanga del Sur is the crowning glory of their lives as farmers.

It is not your typical house and there is no greater symbol of their escape from poverty than the two living rooms, a dining room, a spacious kitchen, three bedrooms with toilet and bathrooms each, and home appliances for comfortable living.

For a long time, the Bendecions had endured a one-room hut where they dined, slept and received visitors.

Their break came in 1995 when Norma received a Certificate of Land Ownership Award covering about a hectare of farmland through Voluntary Land Transfer (Direct Payment Scheme) from her former landlord.

The couple used a fourth of this farm to [illegible] using its manure to fertilize the crops they grow.

But the journey towards prosperity was equal to dreaming. Usually tenants lack drive despite aspirations to be successful. Years of bondage to their landlords have stifled their self-confidence.

For Norma and fellow agrarian reform beneficiaries, the Midsalip Farmers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Milfamco) was the vehicle that sparked their drive to face the challenge of being new landowners.

Two weeks ago, Milfamco was awarded the "Most Progressive Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Organization" in the country in observance of the 17th year of the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Ventures

Organized in 1990 with 63 members in Barangay Timbaboy, Milfamco was an offspring of an irrigators association that was assisted by the Department of Agrarian Land Reform (DAR).

It took two years before the coop was registered with the Cooperative Development Authority.

Norma, now Milfamco general manager, credits the trainings and seminars conducted by DAR for injecting know-how into the coop.

In July 1992, the cooperative ventured into marketing, principally of its members' produce, with an initial capital of P22,000.

With credit assistance from the Land Bank of the Philippines, Milfamco expanded into trading and production loan services.

Seven years later, helped by a relatively improved income of members, and a more systematic savings operation in place, the coop launched its savings and credit service with an initial deposit of P80,000. This became the bedrock of its current rural banking operation.

Today, the coop has grown into over 2,000 members from four towns with a total asset of close to P30 million. Its business ventures include two consumer stores, trading, marketing, microbanking, loan assistance, insurance and an integrated farm producing crops, livestock, poultry and aquaculture products.

Engr. Raymundo Bernardo, chief of CARP beneficiaries development of DAR's Zamboanga del Sur office, said these businesses operate along sound policies, systems and procedures.

Major employer

Apart from its regular staff members, the coop provides job opportunities in the farm, warehousing, palay drying and milling, marketing and bookkeeping.

Workers enjoy [illegible] wages plus generous benefits comparable with those of established companies, while members enjoy provident services that include medical assistance, education loans and emergency grants.

Lately it embarked on a home financing program for members and launched a scholarship grant for the members' children.

Milfamco has also extended financial assistance for the improvement of rural infrastructure like roads and water system, as well as delivery of social services like nutrition and immunization drives.

Through free lectures by its officials, the coop promotes farming modes that liberate farmers from expensive agrochemicals by using organic cultivation technologies and integrated pest management practices.

Milfamco's success has earned for it several citations like being a runner-up in the "Best Cooperative" and "Best in Membership Expansion" awards of the Integrated Rural Finance in 2002.

Norma [illegible], provincial agrarian reform officer of Zamboanga del Sur, said the recognition reflects the potential in rural communities if only people were given the chance.

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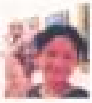
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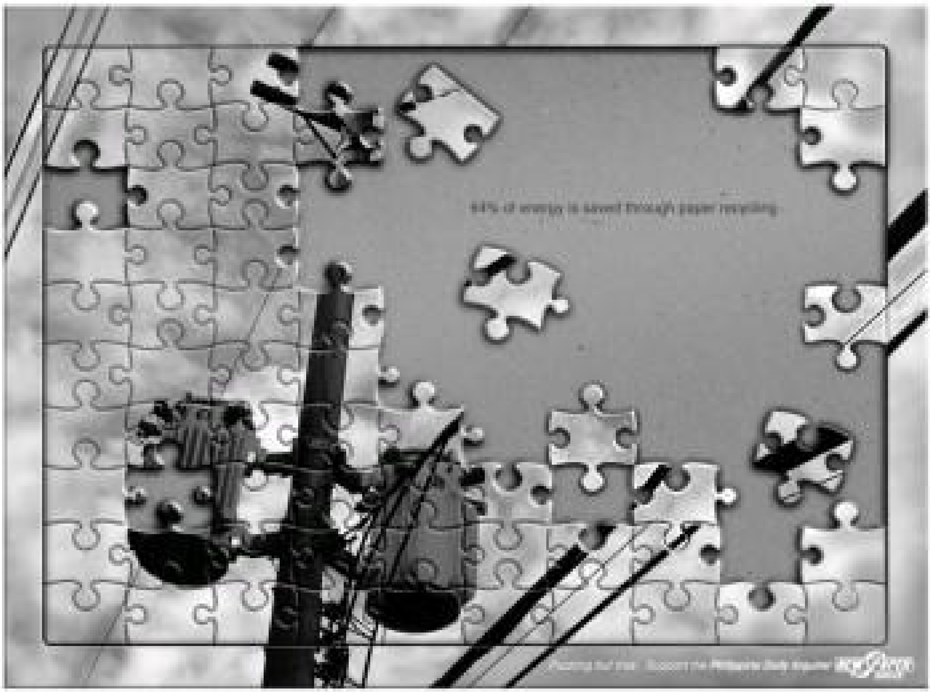






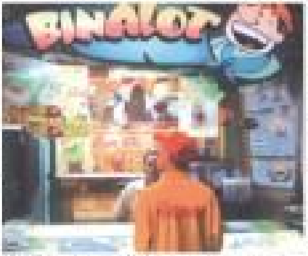
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Unwrapping the 'Binalot'...

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How to blunt the violence saturating kids' world? Teach them to care for pets



JOAQUIN, Miguel, Benjamin and Butch with their pets

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Tessa Prieto-Valdes



Mactan Shangri-La's new spa is the biggest of its kind in Asia









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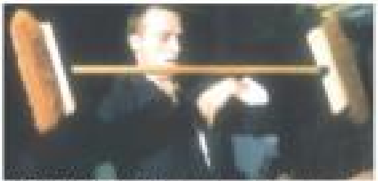




Crowd drawer







Sunday LIFESTYLE Home



CONTEMPORARY furniture pieces were designed and imported from Canada, while the glass-topped coffee table with sculpted legs was designed by the family's interior designer.

Bright family haven

A strikingly minimalist affair, this QC house was designed to offer ample private areas for every family member

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by [illegible]

THE FAMILY'S patriarch had a few requirements when his family of six, including a married son, his wife and their new baby, set about building a second house in a gated community in Quezon City. He wanted a bright, minimalist affair with enough private areas for every family member, as well as common areas for unwinding and entertaining relatives and friends.

The task of building the family's dream home [illegible] fell squarely on the shoulders of the son, who commissioned architect Edgar Chan of Matrix Design and interior designer Pam Mendoza (tel. 7212423 or e-mail at [illegible]).

"But before we were able to lay down a single foundation," says the son, "we had to dig and even cut the sloping land and erect retaining walls to prevent it [illegible] from caving in."

"We must then set about building a four-story house, which includes a basement and roof deck, with a series of big glass windows and even bigger glass doors which have become conversation pieces. [illegible]

The pièce de résistance is a huge framed glass window that can be seen from the outside. Not only does it soften the structure's rigid lines, the window's commanding presence adds character to an otherwise nondescript façade.

"Some of the [illegible] glass windows are double glazed and have argon gas in between the two sheets," Chan adds.

This type of window helps conserve energy by keeping the cold air in and the warm air out. They work the other way around in temperate countries such as the United States, where the windows were imported.

White living room walls, certain sections of which are bordered by clear glass to create a floating effect, act as blank canvases for the family's abstracts. The high ceilinged area is framed by a series of bright pin lights

TURN TO C2

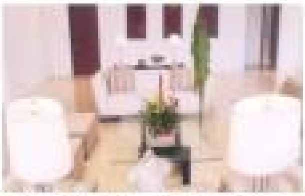


ONE OF THE house's oversized pivot doors leads to the lanai by the pool area.













Bright family haven

The four-story house features a series of big glass windows and even bigger pivot doors which have become conversation pieces

Streamlined









